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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

I hope you all have had a good summer and that by the time you read this, your power has been restored and you have been able to return to your normal routine. As an alumna of Tulane, I am particularly saddened by the tragedy that has befallen New Orleans and the Gulf Coast, and I wish residents there as speedy a recovery as possible.



While all of us at UM are concerned and very involved in the relief effort, I am anticipating a strong year for MFA. Our new web site will create more awareness of MFA and the good work we do. Likewise, through invited speakers at our meetings this year, we'll learn more about the diverse programs in the medical school extended community.

MFA Board members have been working over the summer — in fact we met for three hours the day the storm hit! We have a good year planned and are hoping for a strong turnout for the annual Fall Champagne Brunch on Wednesday, September 14. Chris Quencer will not be able to hold the brunch at her home due to the serious damage her house sustained during Hurricane Katrina. The brunch will now be at the home of Susana and Leopoldo Raij in Coconut Grove. You may recall that Susana hosted the Holiday Party last year. I am grateful for Susana's gracious hospitality and we all wish Chris and Bob Quencer the best as they rebuild.

Please mark your calendar for our key Fall events. The General Meeting at Any Muench's on November 16th will feature a talk on Bioethics by MFA member Dr. Stephanie Anderson. On Saturday, November 19th, we will have our annual Pot Luck Dinner at my home which will feature some of my husband Camillo's pasta. This a fun evening for members and their spouses. On Monday, November 21, MFA will hold a Thanksgiving dessert sale in anticipation of the holiday. Mary Frances Irvin has graciously offered to host the Holiday Party on December 8. Please make sure you save Friday, March 24 for our MFA Spring Party which will be held at Shake-A-Leg Miami located along the Coconut Grove waterfront. This water-sports facility offers sailing and boating activities to persons who are physically, emotionally and financially handicapped. It is closely affiliated with the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis. Not only is it a dynamic organization, its facility has a unique and breathtaking view of Sailboat Bay. The first planning meeting for the Spring Party will be held October 13 at 10 a.m. at Martha Twiggs' home.

There will be sign-up sheets at the Fall Brunch if you would like to work on any of these events or other MFA activities. Any contribution you can make is certainly appreciated. Even if you are not able to attend meetings, any support you can lend means so much. Respectfully— Valerie

## TREASURER'S REPORT

During the month of June, MFA Board members met to work on the new budget for the upcoming year. Below is the Operating Budget for 2005-2006 submitted by Martha Halbert, Treasurer.

Budget Items:

1. Fall Champagne Brunch	\$ 500
2. Holiday Lunch	\$ 500
3. Newsletter	\$1000
4. Yearbook	\$ 750
5. Pot Luck Dinner	\$ 700
6. Corresponding Secretary	\$ 250
7. Hospitality	\$ 300
8. Membership	\$ 50
9. Recording Secretary	\$ 100
10. Miscellaneous	\$ 550
11. President's Fund	\$ 100
Total:	\$4800

the MFA Margaret Whelan Graduate Student Scholarship Fund. Another check for \$3,000 was issued to the UM School of Nursing and Health Studies which was dispersed to 3 different nursing students. An award of \$500 was given to a deserving graduating medical student selected for the Most Compassionate Award. \$1,500 will be dispersed to three students for Graduate Student Best Research Awards at the Fall Luncheon. Scholarships totaling \$10,000 were given to three medical students. A

Balance in UM Accounts: As of June 8, 2005, the checking account had a balance of \$7314. A check for \$6,000 was issued to

total of \$13,835 was deposited in the MFA Endowment Fund.



### *Fall Champagne Brunch*

*Wednesday September 14*

*11:30 a.m.*

*NEW LOCATION*

*Home of Drs. Susana and Leopoldo Raji*

*3806 Solana Road*

*Coconut Grove*

*RSVP 305 446-8351*

*Directions: : US 1 to LeJeune Road. Go south on LeJeune .4 miles  
Turn left onto Poinciana, Turn left onto Solana*



## MAY INSTALLATION LUNCH



Over fifty MFA members and guests attended our Annual May Luncheon at the Ritz-Carlton in downtown Coconut Grove on Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Mary Frances Irvin coordinated the event which marked the end of Nadia Maudsleys' term as President and featured the installation of the new MFA Board for 2005-2006. The luncheon began with a reception in the hotel lobby, followed by lunch in the salon.

Mary Frances started off the program with words of welcome and introduced special guests and past Presidents. Past Presidents in attendance were Edith Reiss, Jean Jannach, Eileen Hoffman, Martha Halbert, Mary Frances Irvin, Dr. Ellen Baum, Kristin Podack, Nicole Scagnelli and Any Muench.

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Following Mary Frances' kind remarks, Nadia Maudsley gave a quick recount of the highlights of her 2004-05 term, specifically mentioning the MFA induction into the University of Miami's Ibis Society which was accepted on our behalf by Edith Reiss at a ceremony at the University of Miami. She also applauded the efforts of the people who made our Spring Party and Silent Auction such a wonderful success. She then ended her remarks by thanking all the members of her Board and special people who helped so much to make her year as President a successful experience.



Finally Nadia installed the new executive board members for 2005-06 and they are: Valerie Ricordi, President, Any Muench, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Membership, Susana Rajj – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Recording Secretary, Linda Eton, Corresponding Secretary, Brooke Kushner, Treasurer, Martha Halbert, Assistant Treasurer, Martha Twiggs and Newsletter and Past President, Nadia Maudsley.



After the installation, New President Valerie Ricordi spoke of her affection for MFA, devotion to its mission, and her past involvement in the organization. As a new member she recalled, she was particularly impressed by the outreach and support to the medical and graduate students which reminded her of the early years of her husband's career. She also spoke of the camaraderie she felt while reviewing entries for the Mrs. Doctor project. Valerie cited the fine work the most recent MFA Presidents have done to help MFA meet the challenges of the new century and expressed



her plans to continue the momentum they have created.

Valerie is married to Dr. Camillo Ricordi, Director of the Diabetes Research Institute. She and Camillo came to Miami from Pittsburgh in 1993. They have three children, Caterina, Eliana and Carlo, all of whom attended the luncheon in support of their mother. Valerie noted in her speech it was fitting they were there since they are Italian and like to undertake projects as a family. Originally from St. Louis, Valerie graduated from Tulane University in New Orleans and earned her master's degree in Communications from Webster University in St. Louis.

She worked in media relations, publications and development with the Saint Louis Art Museum, the Carnegie Institute in Pittsburgh and finally as Director of Public Relations for the Museum of Contemporary Art in North Miami. She currently works as a freelance conference planner and real estate associate. In addition to the MFA, she is also on the Board of the Young Patronesses of the Opera and is completing her fourth year on the Coconut Grove Village Council.

Valerie's plans for the MFA over the next year include featuring guest speakers at general meetings. At our general meeting on Wednesday, November 16, one of our own members, Dr. Stephanie Anderson of the Pediatrics and BioEthics Department, will give a talk on the role of Bioethics at the Miller School of Medicine. At our next General Meeting on February 23, Eli Compton, the Director of UM Transplant House will talk about the transplant experience at UM/Jackson. Finally, on April 23, we will be treated to a tour of the new School of Nursing and Health Sciences building by Dean Nilda Peragallo.

The installation program ended with a giveaway of all the orchid arrangements donated by Mary Frances to make the event tables beautiful. Her twist on the giveaway was to have the arrangements go to the eldest person at each table. Thank you Mary Frances for a lovely afternoon.





## ENDOWMENT GIFTS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

SUBMITTED BY KRISTIN PODACK, CHAIRMAN

The members of the Endowment, Gifts and Awards Committee are pleased to share the following letter from the medical student who received a \$5000 scholarship awarded from the interest from the MFA Medical Student Endowment Fund for 2004-2005:

*"I would like to thank the members of the Medical Faculty Association so very much for considering and selecting me as a recipient of the MFA Scholarship. The assistance provided to me by this award will be unimaginably helpful, as I can now focus my year around school time more to my education than to my financial support and management. I hope in the near future, when I have completed my education at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, I can offer the same assistance that you and your colleagues have offered to me. I am so grateful for this honor and I sincerely thank you for your help. THANK YOU!"*

As our Committee has reviewed applications, we are impressed by how urgently funds are needed for some of these students. For two consecutive years, we have concluded with the wish that we had more to give. Thanks to all of you, that will indeed be the case. To summarize the financial report on the MFA Medical Student Endowment Fund:

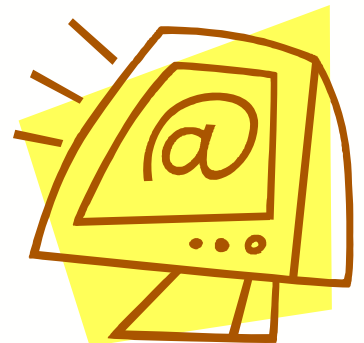
Date	Market Value	Receivable Balance
February 2002	\$ 52,692.83	\$47,915.50
February 2005	\$187,563.88	\$24,216.58

With the \$13,835.00 invested for the spring of 2005, the Market Value now exceeds \$200,000.00. Repeated thanks to all the members of the MFA for loyal and generous support throughout the years. I thank the members of the Committee for their serious sense of purpose: Nancy Elsas, Eileen Hoffman, Nadia Maudsley, Any Muench, Susana Raij, Valerie Ricordi and Bill Whelan, for their serious purpose and dedication and with whom it is a pleasure to work.

## NEW MFA WEB SITE

Medical Web Services has redesigned and updated the web site for the Medical Faculty Association. The new site which can be found as part of the Miller School of Medicine site, [www.med.miami.edu](http://www.med.miami.edu), under the heading "Faculty and Staff". The site features a brief description of the MFA, calendar of events, membership information, past newsletters in PDF format, an abbreviated history of the MFA, and many photos from recent MFA events and archives. A page for members only will contain such information as maps to MFA events and financial information. You will be mailed information on how to access that page.

The site is designed to allow frequent updates and revisions. If you have any interest in learning more about web design, please contact Valerie Ricordi. Medical Web Services will offer free training. Special thanks to Steve Teitelbaum and Stella Uneygo of Medical Web Services for their time, talent and expertise.



## 2005-2006 CALENDAR

- Fall Champagne Brunch** September 14, 2005  
Home of Susana and Leopoldo Rajj  
11:30 a.m.
- Board Meeting** September 29, 2005  
Home of Nadia and Andrew Maudsley  
10:00 a.m.
- Spring Party Meeting** October 13, 2005  
Home of Martha and Leo Twigg  
10:00 a.m.
- General Meeting** November 16, 2005  
Topic "Bioethics at UM"  
Home of Any and Karl Muench  
10:00 a.m.
- Pot Luck Dinner** November 19, 2005  
Home of Valerie and Camillo Ricordi  
7:30 p.m.
- Holiday Lunch & Auction** December 8, 2005  
Home of Mary Frances and George Irvin  
11:30 a.m.
- Board Meeting** January 18, 2006  
Home of Linda and Darwin Eton  
10:00 a.m.
- General Meeting** February 23, 2006  
"The Transplant Experience"  
Home of Jean and Joseph Jannach  
10:00 a.m.
- Spring Party** March 24, 2006  
Shake-A-Leg Miami Coconut Grove  
7:00 p.m.
- General Meeting** April 26, 2006  
Tour of Nursing and Health Sciences Bldg  
10:00 a.m.
- May Installation Luncheon** May 24, 2006  
Location to be Announced

## NEW MEMBER

Janice Russell  
(Edward Russell—Radiology)

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO....

**Marisa Collett Burke** and husband William on the birth of their new son, William David on July 3.



**Nettie Belle Robinson** on the birth of her new and first grandchild Hunter Elise Robinson on August 27

**Nadia Maudsley** who has been asked to teach a studio art class at Fairchild Tropical Garden on Garden Mosaics. If you are interested contact Fairchild at 305-667-1651 ext.3322

## DUES ARE DUE!

If you haven't yet renewed your membership please send a check for \$40 to Martha Halbert, 12450 Rock Garden Lane, Pinecrest, FL 33156. Even if your schedule does not allow you to participate regularly in MFA events, your support is greatly appreciated. Membership dollars cover the operating costs and every member counts!

## THANKSGIVING DESSERT SALE FUNDRAISER

The MFA will be hosting a sale of Baked Goods as a new fundraiser this fall. With free time becoming ever more precious, home cooking tends to become more difficult. In response, MFA members will sell home baked goods on Monday, November 21 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Medical Center in front of the Rosensteil Building. Not only will MFA provide items for Thanksgiving meals, but the sale will also lend more visibility for our organization. If you are willing to contribute some baked items, please let Valerie Ricordi know. Cooks may bring items to her house on the evening of November 19 at the Pot Luck Dinner, or on Sunday November 20. Members are also needed to work the day of the sale. Proceeds from the dessert sale will benefit the student scholarships.

